

Law School Legal Clinics

by Elizabeth Harmon

For an individual looking for free legal advice or assistance with a legal matter, a number of university law schools and private law schools in Orange County provide a diversified selection of clinics. The clinics range from tax law, elder law, bankruptcy, veterans' affairs to domestic violence clinics. Each university clinic has their own criteria for selecting applicants to assist. Below is a short description of some of the university legal clinics located in Orange County:

1. Chapman University has a cross section of clinics to choose from:

Alona Cortese Elder Law Center provides free services to seniors with reduced income, in partnership with county legal aid groups and pro-bono attorneys. Students assist seniors in areas such as wills, advance health care directives, Social Security, Medicare, elder abuse, and consumer rights. {714} 628-2504.

Bette & Wylie Aitken Family Violence Clinic offers free services for clients who have suffered domestic violence; assists victims of human trafficking; provides help with protection order problems, and immigration for those that meet income qualifications. {714} 765-1579.

Constitutional Jurisprudence Clinic has participated in a number of cases that have gone before the United States Supreme Court, some of which have become landmark cases. {714} 628-2587 or {714} 628-2666.

Entertainment Contracts Law Clinic students work with independent, small-budget filmmakers providing production-related legal advice for their feature-length films. Supervised by faculty, students prepare production-based contracts and documents, file for copyrights and help set up LLCs. {714} 628-2675.

Tax Law Clinic is the longest-running clinic at the Fowler School of Law and has helped thousands of taxpayers since 1997. The students, supervised by attorney-professors, assist the clients in various ways, which can include meeting with the IRS to negotiate a settlement or appear in court if the settlement attempts fail. {714} 628-2535.

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Red Light Camera Tickets

by Mora Prestinary

Don't get mad, get informed!

A conviction in California for a violation of [CVC § 21453](#) (running a red light):

A fine of over \$400

One point against your license

A record of the ticket on your DMV report

An increase in your insurance premiums

Used world wide since the 1960s, red light (running) cameras are legal throughout California (Vehicle Code §§ 21455.5–21455.7, 40518, 40520). “The law says that the driver, not the vehicle’s registered owner, is liable for the ticket. If the owner was not driving the vehicle when the pictures were taken, he can fill out a Declaration of Nonliability (included with this kind of Notice to Appear), stating this under penalty of perjury.” [Fight Your Ticket & Win in California](#), Chapter 11, pg.247. This book is an excellent source of information. It is available in this library, or on the database “EBSCO Legal Information Reference Center”, which you can access for free at www.ocpll.org/databases.html.

“In addition, only a “governmental agency, in cooperation with a law enforcement agency, may operate an automated enforcement system.” (VC § 21455.5(c).) But some of the operational functions of the automated system may be, and generally are, contracted out to the private companies that supply and maintain the cameras. (VC § 21455.5(d).)”

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Legal Clinics*(Continued from page 1)***2. Trinity Law School** has a variety of legal clinics that partner with three organizations.

Bankruptcy Clinic is a pro bono clinic located on Trinity's campus, which serves residents of California in Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases. Under the supervision of a bankruptcy attorney, students help clients find solutions to problems and prepare cases to file pro se.

Mobile Legal Clinic is a mobile law office that is operated in conjunction with the Orange County Rescue Mission. Trinity students provide pro-bono legal help to those who have no other avenue to legal services.
{800} 922-4748.

Orange County Rescue Mission hosts a legal clinic operated by the law school. Trinity students offer legal help under the supervision of an attorney.
{800} 922-4748.

Pacific Justice Institute is a legal aid organization that concentrates on the defense of religious freedom and is located on the Trinity campus.
{800} 922-4748.

Trinity Poverty Law Clinic at the *Christian Legal Aid Office of Orange County* offers free legal advice and representation to those who cannot afford legal services. Trinity law students work under the supervision of an attorney.
{800} 922-4748.

3. UC Irvine School of Law has a number of legal clinics.

Appellate Litigation Clinic offers law student representation in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. {949} 824-9660.

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing Civil Rights Clinic joins a law student with a DFEH attorney who supervises the student's work with employment discrimination lawsuits, neutral investigations filed with the DFEH plus works on class and group action lawsuits.
{949} 824-9646.

Community & Economic Development Clinic partners law students with community groups, non-profit groups, private citizens, and small businesses on transactional matters.
{949} 824-9660.

Domestic Violence Clinic helps clients who have suffered from domestic violence. Students offer advice regarding the law and assistance in court.
{949} 824-9646.

Environmental Law Clinic covers a wide area of environmental and natural resource issues. Law students support litigants in court and offer counseling to clients on strategy and policy issues.
{949} 824-9646.

Immigrants' Rights Clinic provides immigrants and immigrant organizations representation on an assortment of legal matters.
{949} 824-9660.

Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology Clinic counsel artists, entrepreneurs, filmmakers, non-profit groups, and small inventors on matters dealing with copyright, media, patent, and privacy law. They also advocate for clients by filing amicus briefs in courts of appeal and the United States Supreme Court.
949} 824-9646.

Veterans Clinic links veterans in Southern California with pertinent legal services and provides the local community with information on veterans' affairs, creating a connection between people and organizations that offer veteran services. {949} 824-9646.

For information on more clinics: www.law.uci.edu/academics/real-life-learning/clinics

4. Whittier Law School offers five legal clinics.

Children's Advocacy Clinic represents minor children and their caregivers. Students work closely with clients on cases filed in Orange County Family Law and Probate Courts that deal with such issues as adoption, custody, dissolution of marriage, guardianship, and paternity.
{714} 444-4141.

Family Violence Clinic students help domestic violence victims and their children with restraining orders and other legal procedure, related to their cases, in court. Please contact school for details. {714} 444-4141.

Special Education Clinic students assist minor children with disabilities and their families that are seeking special education services.
{714} 444-4141.


Center for Intellectual Property Law. Please contact school for details. {714} 444-4141.

Coastkeeper Environmental Water Law Clinic. Please contact school for details. {714} 444-4141. 📖

Red Light Cameras
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Watch out for "snitch tickets". When it's not clear to the police who was driving at the time of the violation, a *Notice of Traffic Violation* may be mailed to the registered owner of a vehicle. This is used to encourage the owner to disclose the identity of the person who was driving or, to confirm that they, the registered owner, had been driving at the time of the (alleged) violation. However this type of notice has not been filed at court, therefore it carries no legal weight and the registered owner is under no obligation to respond. Visually, the difference between a real ticket (which you should never ignore) and a "snitch" ticket is that every real ticket must include the statement *Notice to Appear*. The ticket will tell you to contact the court, giving a real address. A "snitch ticket," will tell you to contact the police department, not the court and may even say, "Do not contact the court," or words to that effect.


Any efforts to do away with red light cameras have failed. (Assembly Bill 1160) Some cities have discontinued their use while others continue to use them as a source of revenue. Your best defense is to be informed!

- Visit <http://www.highwayrobbery.net/> : Info & Advice about California Red Light Camera Tickets
- Read the Vehicle Code section at <https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>
- Red light cameras at Santa Ana intersections (and other cities)
<https://www.2fixyourtrafficticket.com/red-light-camera-locations.html>
- See four cases decided against red camera tickets in Santa Ana (scroll down to Docs set #2)
<http://www.highwayrobbery.net/redlightcamsdocsSantaAnaMain.html> 

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librarian

by Mora Prestinary

Looking at the Web

 Where can I find information on Commercial Evictions?

 **California Eviction Defense Manual**

KFC145 .M6 1993, Floor 3 on the CEB shelves in the Main Reading Room.

See Chapter 19: Special Considerations Governing Evictions in Commercial Tenancies. Explains the procedures necessary for commercial tenancies.

This title is also available on the Library's CEB ONLAW database.

Secure Bicycle Parking : Bike Hut: <http://www.santa-ana.org/bikehuts/>

Death with Dignity: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520162AB15

Right to Rest Bill https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB608

Red Light Camera Tickets-V.C. 21455.5-21455.7: <https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

Cities with Red Light Cameras: <https://www.2fixyourtrafficticket.com/red-light-camera-locations.html>

California's Death with Dignity Act, / End of Life Option Act, will go into effect on June 9, 2016: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520162AB15

A statutory form is included at section 443.11 "A request for an aid-in-dying drug as authorized by this part shall be in the following form"

A California history of the Act and additional resources can be found at : <https://www.deathwithdignity.org/states/california/>

Thirty-nine million Californians, the residents of Oregon, Washington, and Vermont will have the option, should they be terminally ill with less than 6 months to live, to end their lives in a humane and dignified manner.

'Death with Dignity' Laws by State: <http://healthcare.findlaw.com/patient-rights/death-with-dignity-laws-by-state.html>
<http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/death-with-dignity-laws-your-state>

Additional Forms: <https://www.deathwithdignity.org/caforms/> 

Summer Book Display: Floor 3



The newest book display on Floor 3 showcases books on the history of the United States Capitol building, the U.S. Senate building, including the Senate's *Catalogue of Fine Art* ([full text link](#)) and *Catalogue of Graphic Art* ([links to each chapter](#)), the U.S. Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress. These books contain both written and pictorial history, which include many fine photographs and prints of the buildings' past and present. These books are part of the Law Library's Government Depository Collection, located on Floor A.



Riding Your Bike to the Library? Store it safely at the Bike Hut

The Bike Hut is a small, modular, secure, glass-enclosed building which provides members monthly (\$6) or annual (\$50) access to convenient and safe bicycle storage for short durations at locations throughout Santa Ana.

Each Bike Hut has a high-definition digital camera that streams images 24/7, providing bicycle security and safety for members. Twelve vertical bicycle racks are in each hut. The Hut also has LED lighting to provide greater visibility and safety during evening hours, and the Bike Huts are powered by energy-efficient solar power.

The Hut closest to the Library is near Santa Ana City Hall, on the lower plaza between City Hall and the covered parking garage (the one between the Appeals Court and the State Building).

For more information and to sign up for access see <http://www.santa-ana.org/bikehuts/>



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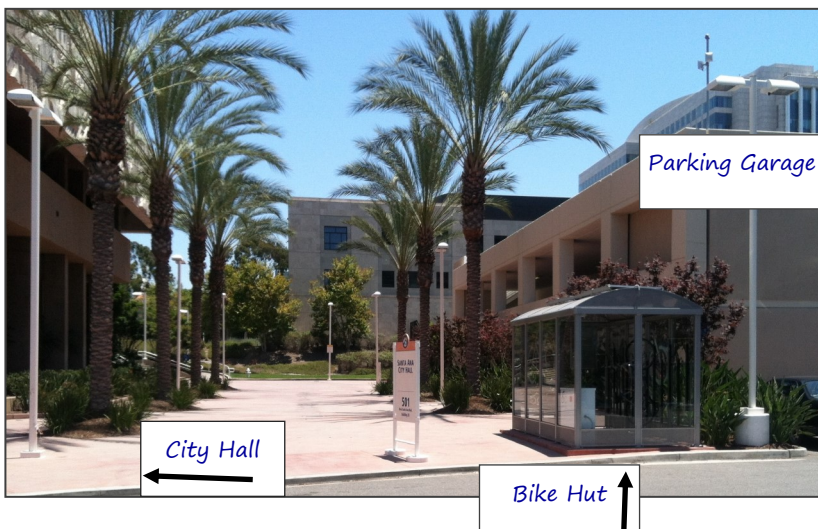
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